# **Identifying Counterpart National Indigenous Health Statistical Units**



Project Title	Identifying Counterpart National Indigenous Health Statistical Units
Project Summary	Locate and find contacts for the 53 or more other nations than US, Canada, Aotearoa (NZ), and Australia who have or are developing health statistics for their original peoples or native populations ("indigenous"). Ability to skillfully use languages other than English and interpersonal skills needed
Country	United States

## **Project Description**

The mission of IHS is raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska natives (AI/AN) to the highest level. To be responsive to the second goal of the 2019-2023 strategic plan, "to promote excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization," the Division of Program Statistics in the Office of Public Health needs to find new health statistical units in other countries with which meaningful dialogue and collaboration can occur. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_indigenous\_peoples lists where such people may be found, however, few points of collaboration have been established with these other places. This requires the ability to search for such units, identify any gray literature or other publications they have produced including journal articles or websites, and to find counterpart organizations. The goal is to set up a loosely collaborating group of such units across several nations to help develop standards and processes for empirically measuring health and well being. DPS is responsible for producing the publications, Trends in Indian Health and Regional Differences in Indian Health.at this link https://www.ihs.gov/dps/publications/ Fluency in a language other than English equivalent such as Scandinavian languages, Arabic, French, or Spanish to an advanced ACTFL level is needed.

### **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Cultural diplomacy
Data analysis
Research

#### **Additional Information**

Nations identified so far as possibly having such peoples or health statistical units are: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Guyana, French Polynesia, Greenland, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kanaky/New Caledonia, Kenya, Laos, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Congo, Sápmi (Sweden, Norway, Finland), Union of South Africa, Suriname, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, and Vietnam. There would be three items of greatest interest: what organizations produce health statistics (ideally official national ones) on original peoples of these nations, who can serve as a point of contact if they wish to collaborate, and what publications have they produced which give such figures? Perhaps, the information developed could set up a group who could collaborate together to develop standards, publish measurements, and share ideas.

# **Language Requirements**

None